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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/723,627	Applicant(s) HEWITT, TIMOTHY	
	Examiner Hilary Gutman	Art Unit 3612	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9 and 13-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: [0007], "OEM" should perhaps be accompanied by "original equipment manufacturer" for clarity.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2 and 12-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 2 and 12, on line 3, "said inner plate" should be "said at least one plate" since an inner plate is not defined until claims 4 and 14, respectively.

In claims 12-19, on line 1 of each of the claims "assembly" should perhaps be "anchor mechanism" to refer back to claim 11 and since no "assembly" is previously recited in claim 11.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The claims are objected to because they include reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses.

Reference characters corresponding to elements recited in the detailed description of the drawings and used in conjunction with the recitation of the same element or group of elements in the claims should be enclosed within parentheses so as to avoid confusion with other numbers or characters which may appear in the claims. See MPEP § 608.01(m).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-2 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Screen.

Screen (4,747,180) discloses a mobile base assembly for supporting equipment for movement over a support surface, the assembly comprising: a frame (not shown but inherent and seen in the well known prior art of Figure 1 of Hoffnung--6,659,696) ; a plurality of wheels 2 inherently attached to the frame for movably supporting the frame on the support surface; an anchor mechanism for lifting the wheels from the support surface and anchoring the frame to the support surface, the mechanism comprising: at least one plate 36 inherently attached to the frame, an anchor member 35 pivotally mounted on the plate for pivotal movement between an anchor position and retracted position, a foot 21 attached to the anchor member and having a base for engaging the support surface in the anchor position, a biasing member 39 for reacting between the plate and the anchor member to bias the anchor member to pivot to the retracted position, a lever 42, 44 pivotally mounted on the plate for movement between the anchor and retracted positions, and a cam 40 on the lever for engaging and pivoting the anchor member against the biasing reaction of the biasing member from the retracted position to the anchor position in response to the lever being moved from the retracted position to the anchor position.

With regard to claim 2, the anchor member 35 includes top and bottom edges and presents a cam flange (or top surface) extending laterally from the top edge (since the anchor member has a width) thereof toward the inner plate for engaging the cam on the lever for pivoting the anchor member.

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Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 10 and 20 are allowed.
7. Claims 3-9 and 13-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 703-305-0496.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 703-308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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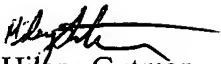
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